## 3 THE IRAQW ALPHABET

*The following examples illustrate the Iraqw alphabet.*

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| a | asla | [ʔaɬa] | *fire* |
| aa | aayo | [a:yo] | *mother* |
| / | /ameeni | [ʕame:ni] | *woman* |
| ' | fur'a | [furʔa] | *wind* |
| b | baabá | [ba:bá] | *father* |
| ch | Lách | [lätʃ] | *a name* |
| d | dasi | [däsi] | *girl* |
| e | emto | [ʔemto] | *be partners in* |
| ee | eeít | [ʔe:ʔɪt] | *yes* |
| f | fur'a | [furʔa] | *wind* |
| g | garma | [garma] | *boy* |
| h | hee | [he:] | *person* |
| hh | hhara | [ħara] | *herdstick* |
| i | ila | [ʔɪla] | *eye* |
| ii | iia | [ʔɪ:ʔa] | *ear* |
| j | jahh | [dʒaħ] | *exclamation* |
| k | kunee | [kune:] | *mortar* |
| l | lama | [lama] | *a lie* |
| m | migír | [mɪgɪr] | *fire-wood* |
| n | na/aay | [naʕa:y] | *child* |
| ng | aníng | [ʔanɪŋ] | *I, me* |
| nq | duwanqedmo | [duwaɳqedmo] | *maaeai person* |
| o | ohome | [ʔohome] | *tax* |
| oo | oowi | [ʔo:wi] | *drum* |
| p | piindo | [pɪ:ndo] | *door* |
| q | qaymo | [qaymo] | *field* |
| r | aara | [ʔa:ra] | *goats* |
| s | saargi | [sa:rgɪ] | *Grant's gazelle* |
| sl | slee | [ɬe:] | *cow* |
| t | tiita | [tɪ:ta] | *folktale* |
| tl | tlooma | [tɪ'o:ma] | *hill* |
| ts | tsataay | [ts'ata:y] | *knife* |
| u | uma | [ʔuma] | *name* |
| uu | uui | [ʔu:ʔɪ] | *cock's crow* |
| w | weeli | [we:lɪ] | *rope* |
| x | xa'ano | [xaʔano] | *tree* |
| y | yaae | [ya:ʔe] | *leg, river* |
| gw | gweera | [gwe:ra] | *to open* |
| kw | kwaslu | [kwaɬu] | *beads* |
| ngw | kaangw | [ka: ũ] | *matter* |
| qw | slaqwa | [ɬaqwa] | *body* |
| xw | xweera | [xwe:ra] | *night* |
| nqw | faanqw | [fa:ɳqw] | *seven* |

*Symbol for high tone. e.g.* **daai i dóal**
*the girl is cultivating*

*Low tone is unmarked. cf.* **daai i doal**
*let the girl cultivate*